

MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (f). No such agreement has been signed.

The power generated from DVC and the sale of power in Bihar and West Bengal during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 are as under:

	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Power Generation (million Units)	5464	4946	5338
Sale of Power (%)			
In Bihar	64.83	65.53	65.5
In West Bengal	35.17	34.47	34.5

[English]

Promotion of SC/ST officers in Indian Airlines

7030. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of irregularities have come to notice of the Government in the matter of promotion of SC/ST officers in the Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) the number of cases in which SC/ST officers have been superseded and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No SC/ST officer has been superseded in the promotions and selections effected in the Indian Airlines during the last one year.

Steel Plant in Assam

7031. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a steel plant either in public or private sector in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c). Due to resource constraints, there is no proposal to set up any new steel plant in the public sector in Assam or elsewhere. As regards the private sector, the New Industrial Policy announced in July, 1991, has exempted the steel industry from the provisions of compulsory licensing under the Industries (D & R) Act, 1951. Entrepreneurs are required to apply for a license only in case the unit is located within a distance of 25 Kms from a city with a population in excess of 10 lakhs.

Post Offices in Bihar

7032. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the break-up of district-wise number of post offices opened in Bihar during 1991-92;